# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF CHIRAG DELHI FORT
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some of the old and famous monuments and places such as Chirag Delhi which are a great tourist attraction and named after a sufi saint are lying in ruins and unattended and even the main Gate has been broken up and encroached upon by shopkeepers and others;

(b) whether Chirag Delhi gates and the old fort are a protected monument; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to maintain and upkeep the Chirag Delhi?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI A RAJA)

(a)The unprotected monuments in Chirag Delhi are not in a good state of preservation and do have problems of encroachment. Bahlol Lodi's Tomb and Lal Gumbad are the only two protected monuments in Chirag Delhi as per Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remain Act, 1958. While Bahlol Lodi's Tomb is in good state of upkeep and maintenance, Lal Gumbad is encroached upon and the matter is presently sub-judice in the High Court of Delhi.

(b) & (c) While Chirag Delhi gates are not protected, the Old Fort (Purana Qila) is under protection of the Central Government. The Archaeological Survey of India is not concerned with the maintenance and upkeep of unprotected monuments. However, the monuments declared as protected in Delhi are being maintained regularly as per their requirement.